



BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL *Record*

DR. ROSENFELD APPOINTED OBSTETRICAL CHIEF



DR. HAROLD H. ROSENFELD

The appointment of *Dr. Harold H. Rosenfield* as Obstetrician-in-chief of the Beth Israel Hospital has been announced by *Mr. Israel Friedlander*, President of the Board of Trustees. *Dr. Rosenfield* has been associated with the Beth Israel since 1928. He is Clinical Professor of Gynecology at Tufts College School of Medicine and is on the senior staff in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Boston City Hospital. Recently *Dr. Rosenfield* was elected President of the New England Obstetrical and Gynecological Society.

Bed Capacity Totals 165

The new Obstetrical Division at the Beth Israel will contain facilities for private, semiprivate and ward patients. The obstetrical unit provides 16 ward,

32 semiprivate and 20 private beds, with 91 bassinets in the new nurseries. Also in the new building are 67 private beds for general medical and surgical cases as well as 30 beds for pediatrics: 7 private, 8 semiprivate and 15 ward. With the opening of the new building, the present 8th floor will become a semiprivate floor with facilities for 32 patients.

The most recent improvements in equipment and construction have been incorporated in the maternity unit to insure the safety and comfort of the mother and child. The new operating rooms, labor rooms and delivery rooms incorporate the latest features and services for the aid of our staff.

Prenatal Clinic Open

The hospital is now accepting reservations for the maternity unit, both private and ward for admission in March, 1950. The Prenatal Clinic, which serves all ward patients throughout the term of their pregnancy, began functioning on December 23rd. This clinic meets on Tuesday and Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the Out Patient Department of the hospital. For the first time in the history of the Beth Israel, facilities will be provided for complete prenatal and postpartum care as well as hospitalization for delivery.

NEW A.H.A. PRES.-ELECT



DR. CHARLES F. WILINSKY

Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky, Executive Director of the hospital, has again been honored by a national association. On September 28, 1949, at the annual convention in Cleveland, he was unanimously chosen President-elect of the American Hospital Association. This new position follows the completion of his term as President of the American Public Health Association. As retiring president of this group he was signally honored by being presented with a plaque in recognition of his service.

With the election to the American Hospital Association presidency, *Dr. Wilinsky* becomes the only man who has held this high office in both these national organizations. He will assume his new duties at the 1950 Atlantic City Convention.

PERSONALITES The Record Shows



A familiar figure in the B. I. H. corridors is *Daniel O'Connor*, the senior member of the staff of housemen. *Dan* began work here in 1938 as a window-washer after twenty years in the shoe industry in Brockton. By 1944, he progressed to his present position as Head Houseman.

Dan's outside interests are in diversified directions such as: baseball in the Spring season, dramatic radio plays, popular recordings, the regular Saturday night get-together with his friends, and that always welcome home-cooked dinner at his sister's home in Brockton.

We all hope that *Dan* will continue his association with the B. I. H. for many more years.

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On November 19, *Miss Miriam Kelleher*, executive secretary in Dr. Wilinsky's Office, became *Mrs. Paul W. Keyes* in a ceremony at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, which was attended by many of her friends from the hospital. *Miss Kelleher*, gowned in white satin, carried a bouquet of Eucharist lilies. After a reception at the Hotel Somerset, Mr. and Mrs. Keyes, left for a wedding trip to Havana.---Institutions Magazine recently featured a front page article by *Mrs. June Malone*, Executive Housekeeper.---*Mrs. Leah Seltzer* resigned from her position as secretary in the Out Patient Department in November. *Leah* left the hospital with the affectionate good wishes of all her friends and co-workers.---Congratulations to *Bill McManus*, our plumber, and his wife. They became the parents of a 6½ pound baby boy, *William Jr.*, on October 29, 1949. *Mrs. McManus* is the former *Marian Bemis* of the operating room staff.---*Mrs. Doris Goldstein*, former secretary in the Dietitian's Office, will be one of the first patients admitted to our new maternity unit in the spring.---*Miss Nuvart Boghosian*, assistant secretary in the Director's Office, recently appeared with the Musical Guild of Boston in several concerts at the College Club.---Among the recent engagements: *Miss Gloria Stephenson* (Information Desk) to *Charles Long* of Dorchester; *Miss Mary Ducharme* (Dietary Department) to *Leo Ritchie* of Kentucky, and *Miss Marie Mollomo* (Surgical Research) to *Richard Dobson* of Brookline.--We welcome several new members of the hospital staff: *Verena Edmunds*, Supervisor of the Obstetrical Unit; *Miriam Randall* to be Assistant Supervisor in Obstetrics; *Bettina Keefe*, in charge of the Delivery Room; *Helen Jeffrey*, Supervisor of Central Supply; *Helen Larson* and *Ruth Rintels*, Admitting Officers.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

A big vote of thanks goes to one of the longest established and most devoted committees of our Volunteer Corps: The Surgical Dressings Group. Under the able leadership of *Mrs. Rae Cohen* and *Mrs. Pauline Goldberg* (Co-chairmen of the Monday and Wednesday group) and *Mrs. Betty Epstein* and *Mrs. Bertha Rosenthal* (Co-Chairmen of the Thursday group), these women come in faithfully each week to provide the Operating Room with the vital supplies. Their record of service typifies the devotion of all our volunteers.

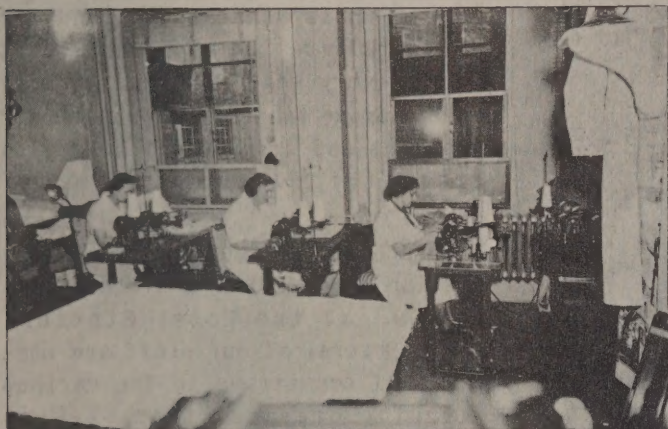
Let us take time out to express our deep appreciation to all of our volunteers who returned after vacations to contribute another year of faithful service to Beth Israel Hospital; and to the brand new volunteers, may we extend a hearty welcome into the ranks of our group. May you experience a wealth of satisfaction from your loyal efforts in aiding the sick and helpless.

At the annual meeting of the Male Volunteer Corps on November 2, *Felix Edenfeld* of West Newton was elected President and *Samuel Steiman* of Dorchester was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Corps.

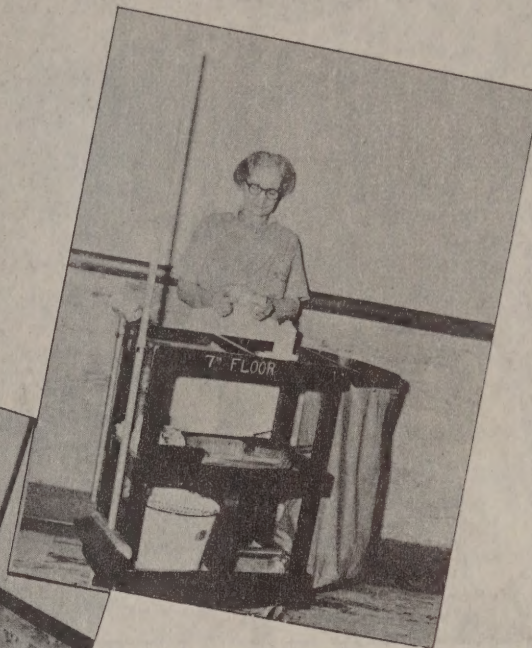
The following volunteers were added to the present list of active members: *George Levine*, *Edward Allen* and *Howard Bailen*.

The Male Volunteer Corps urgently needs new members to help with the greatly increased work load foreseen in the new building. Friends of the hospital who wish to give some of their time should contact Mr. Sidney Liswood, Assistant Director of the hospital.

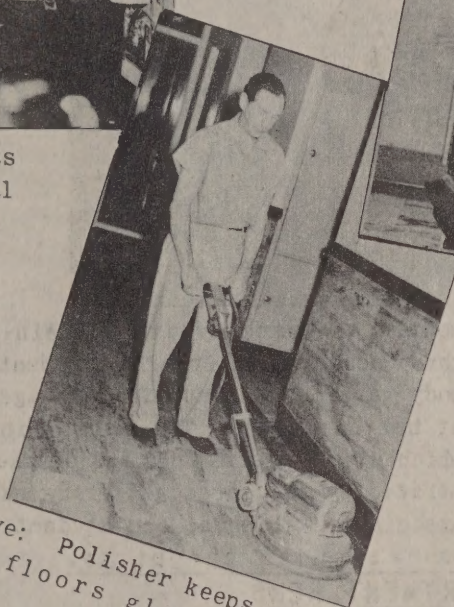
HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT IN ACTION



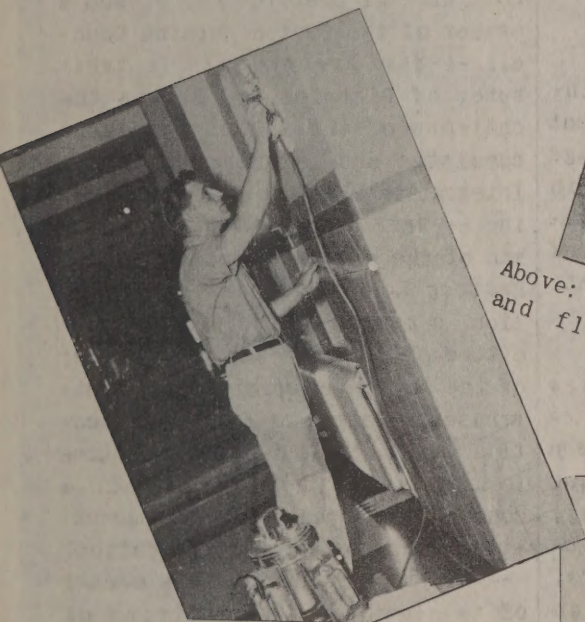
Above: The sewing room, with its 3 power machines, where hospital linens are mended or made.



Above: The Ward Maid with her indispensable cart and supplies.



Above: Polisher keeps corridors and floors gleaming.



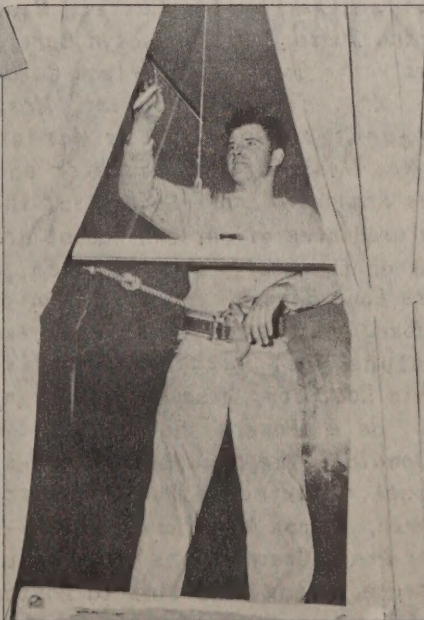
Above: Wall washing made easier by special machine.



Above: The newest machine in the Department has attachments for dry or wet mopping, water pick-up or polishing.



Mrs. June Malone, Executive Housekeeper.



Left: Window cleaning is an everyday job.

Miss. Adams Receives Tribute



In honor of her twenty-one years service at the Beth Israel, *Miss Ethyl Adams*, Assistant Superintendent of Nurses, was given a tea in the Nurses' Home on November 17. Miss Adams' former students, her present students and both old and new associates pre-

sented her with a Governor Winthrop desk and chair. The student body gave her a beautiful corsage of baby orchids. The esteem in which Miss Adams is held was demonstrated by the large gathering of associates, friends, and students who attended the party.

NURSING DEPARTMENT NEWS

2 Thirty-two students entered the School of Nursing on the 6th of September---The harvest dance for the students was held in November and was a very well attended affair. This dance is given by the Women's Auxiliary with help from the recreation committee of the student body.

There have been several changes in the Nursing Department---*Miss Thelma Raphael* is now in the Nursing Office in charge of auxiliary employees---*Miss Beatrice LeMay* is head nurse on male medical in place of *Miss Raphael*---*Ruth Swartz* has resigned to be married---*Marilyn Whitestone*, who has been employed in the New York Hospital, is back on the seventh floor while waiting for the Obstetrical Department to open---We welcome several new additions to our general duty

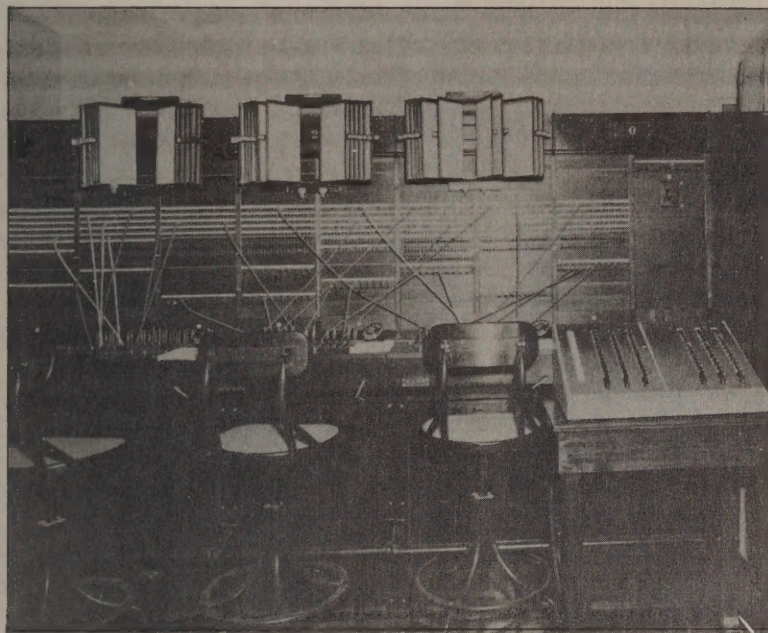
staff: *Miss Rita Karlonas*, *Miss Claire Durham*, *Miss Bertha Slotnick*, *Miss Catherine Carney*, *Miss Doreen Scott*, *Miss Phyllis Cutter*, *Miss Martha Judson*, *Miss Roselyn Carey*, *Miss Marie Todd*, *Miss Helena Gardzie*, *Mrs. Eleanor Heinrich*, *Mrs. Margaret Triston*, *Miss Marian Horne*, *Miss Barbara Gauthier* and *Miss Frances Nixon*---Several of the new graduates of our own school are back on the staff: *Miss Flora Smith*, *Miss Edna Berman*, and *Miss Bernice Gruber*. Our new night staff nurses include *Mrs. Ruth Healey*, *Miss Libia Robinson*, *Miss Ruth Sochrin*, *Mrs. Helen Powers* and *Mrs. Evelyn McDonald*---The head of the educational department, *Miss Jeanette Kramer*, is now *Mrs. Harry Gilman*---*Miss Pearl Crevoschay* is on leave of absence, going full time to Boston University.

The Nurses' Alumnae Association held their annual bazaar on December 1, the proceeds of which go to their scholarship fund for the graduates of the school. It was a very well attended affair. The Alumnae want to thank all their patrons and friends who helped to make this a great success.

The annual meetings of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association were held on November 7, 8, and 9, at the Hotel Statler.

Several of our staff are members of committees in the various nursing organizations.---*Miss Mary Gilmore* is on the Board of Directors of District No. 5 of the M. S. N. A., a member of the Directory Committee of District No. 5, and a member of the Boston Nursing Council.---*Miss Evelyn Rosen* is treasurer of District No. 5, was the chairman of the M. S. N. A. program committee and is a member of the Integration Plan for Student Teaching.---*Mrs. Harry Gilman* is chairman of the program committee of the Eastern League of Nursing Education, a member of the program committee of District No. 5, a member of the revisions committee of Massachusetts League of Nursing Education, and on the advisory committee to the State Student Council, a council sponsored by the Massachusetts League of Nursing Education.---*Miss Ruth Freedman* is a member of the membership committee of District No. 5.---*Miss Adele Schacter* is a member of the finance committee of the Eastern League.---*Miss Faye Clark* is a member of the structure committee of District No. 5.---*Mrs. Eliza Brillard* is a member of the publicity committee of District No. 5, and chairman of the program committee of The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Nurses.---*Miss Thelma Raphael* is a member of the committee interested in referral of patients for further care after discharge from the hospital.

DIAL PHONES IN OPERATION

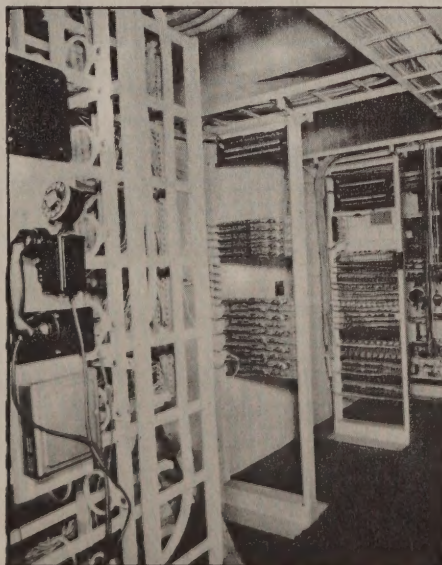


On November 19th, 1949, the hospital initiated a new dial telephone system. With this new system, it is now possible to dial any other telephone in the hospital without calling the operator. The tremendous number of daily calls within the hospital are thus handled completely by automatic equipment installed by the telephone company. The main switchboard, formerly located in the main lobby, has been abandoned and our operators now have a completely new room adjacent to the auditorium entrance.

The new dial installation required many months of work for wiring and is valued by the telephone company at \$75,000. With this system in operation we will be able to handle without trouble the additional telephone load from the new buildings. Needless to say, our operators are very pleased with this change in systems as well as with their new working quarters.

A view of the main three-position switchboard recently installed. In the right front is the doctors call board, used by the operators to page the physicians.

A partial view of the telephone equipment room. This equipment is designed to care for 340 individual lines in the hospital.



SOCIAL SERVICE

There have been many changes in the personnel of the Social Service Department during the past few months. The present staff consists of *Miss Bessie Schless*, Director; *Mrs. Beatrice Phillips*, Case Work Supervisor; *Mrs. Martha Waldstein*, Supervisor of the Psychiatric Student Training Unit; *Miss Mildred Alexander*, *Mrs. Leona Applebaum*, *Miss Susan Beach*, *Miss Ruth Darr*, *Mrs. Josephine Gravallese*, and *Miss Jean Pittman*, Case Workers; *Miss Gertrude Ingall*, *Mrs. Doris Goldberg* and *Mrs. Florence Lund*, Secretaries. All of the professional staff hold master's degrees in social work from an accredited school of social work.

NEW TRAINING UNIT

Effective October 1, a psychiatric student training unit was established within the Social Service Department. This unit is being sponsored by the Simmons School of Social Work through a grant from the United States Public Health Service. *Mrs. Martha Waldstein* is serving as case work supervisor of the unit and *Mrs. Marna Marquit*, Simmons School of Social Work, is the first student. The establishment of this program at Beth Israel Hospital indicates tangible recognition of the learning opportunities that the hospital affords. It is hoped that in the future the unit can be developed to offer field work training to several psychiatric social work students.

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

In addition to its many fund raising activities for the Beth Israel Hospital, the women's auxiliary's program fills other important hospital needs. It provides recreation for the nurses by social functions - dances, musicals, book reviews and card parties - during their apprenticeship. Many of the young nurses in training live away from home, and it is the aim of the nursing school and the auxiliary to create a homelike atmosphere for them.

In the field of education for the nurses, the women's auxiliary is interested in purchasing advanced textbooks and popular fiction, upon recommendation of the supervisor of the nursing school, so that the nurses' library may be well equipped with all the books that they require.

Scholarships are made possible to those deserving student nurses who cannot afford to pay for their tuition for training, and the auxiliary also gives financial aid to nurses in training who need money to supplement their expenses for cosmetics, stockings, and other incidentals.

Post-graduate scholarships are made available to the young nurses of ability to enable them to continue their training for public health work, teaching and administration. Since the scope of work for nurses is steadily increasing, more nurses should be encouraged to further their education to meet the demands of industry in newly created fields.

In a Friendship Garden in the rear of the nurses' home, the auxiliary has created a retreat for the nurses where they may relax from their duties and studies in the midst of beautiful flowers and shrubs.

Occasionally, the dietitians in training at Beth Israel are taken to the Toll House for lunch-

eon or dinner by the Dietitian's Party Committee of the women's auxiliary. The girls look forward to these parties which they enjoy so much.

It is the function of the committee for Holiday Observances to decorate the patients' trays with candy and favors which are appropriate for the holiday that is being observed. Needless to say, these attractive trays are a treat to the patients.

At the recent convention of the American Hospital Association and Women's Auxiliaries, held in Cleveland, Ohio, which was attended by *Mrs. Joseph Levy*, President of the Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary, women's auxiliaries of the country were recognized as vital factors in their relation to the hospital. Our auxiliary is now a member organization of the American Hospital Association. The Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary is particularly proud of the honors conferred upon its Past President and Honorary Vice-President, *Mrs. Abraham E. Pinanski*, who has been appointed a member of the National Committee on Auxiliaries for the American Hospital Association, and also a trustee of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

X-Ray Survey

The entire personnel of the hospital were given an opportunity for free chest x-rays last month when a unit of the Boston Chest X-Ray Survey spent one full day here. Though the program was voluntary, Survey officials were pleased at the response shown by employees.

The hospital, like other organizations throughout the city, cooperated fully with this survey, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Public Health in a plan to canvass all the nation's large cities.

Employees Cafeteria

At the time of the opening of the new hospital cafeteria all but a few excepted groups of employees will be put on a complete cash salary basis. This means that those people who had previously been allowed meals as a part of their salary will be given money instead. Those employees who wish to buy their meals at the hospital cafeteria will find them priced according to the cash allowance given. The cafeteria will offer a variety of choices with both hot and cold dishes. Those who wish to bring part or all of their meal with them to the hospital are encouraged to eat in the cafeteria so that debris will not be scattered throughout the hospital.

Immediately adjoining the Dining Room is a Coffee Shop which will be open all day for friends and visitors to the hospital. Both the cafeteria and Coffee Shop are fitted with the most modern equipment in an effort to help in serving better food to all.



CHEMISTRY CHRISTMAS TREE, made of beakers, flasks and clamps, which decorated the chemistry lab during the recent yuletide season.